THE INDIAN'S DECEMBER DAYS.

The Indian summer's smoky vell Hung o'er the hills an azure mist; Anon the mild southwestern gale, From Can-tan-tow-wit's court dismi-

Was blowing from the summer land.
O, pleasant were the dreary days—
Obscure, yet clear; that season bland
The Indians harvested their maze.

November's chilly breeze has blown From regions cold where winter dweils Alas! the summer birds have flown Down to milder parallels.

For winter, from the land of death, Where oft the strange aurora glows, Is hastening now with gelid breath From realms of everlasting snows.

And lightly falls the feathery snow;
He sheets the track of the streams;
The ornate boatt, save to and fro,
While sunlight on the forest gleams.

The frost is flying in the air; Obliquely shine the feeble rays Of sunshine with diminished glare During December's shortened days.

Fresh to renew our energies Then Christmas comes with pleasan cheer; Amidst the gay festivities We while away the closing year.

*Can-tan-tow-wit-God of the Southwest, from whose court proceeds directly the southwest wind of Indian summer. (In-dian tradition.)—Be.

AT THE WHIPPING POST.

A Scene Not Far From Richmond, Va. --- How a Negro Took His Punishment for Stealing --- Reformed Influence of a Cowhide---The Thing for Wife Beaters. Correspondence Detroit Free Press.

"Did yeu ever see a public whipping ?

"Well, let's ride over to Glendale. Old Turner is going to 'peel' a victim this afternoon.

I was at Malvern Hill, and Glendale is at Hamlet about four miles away. As we rode along the highway we found ourselves in the company of bridges and parks are built, improved quite a number of negro men and kept clean, and the law enforced at and women who were bound object in view. It was known for a circuit of ten miles around that Lish Taylor, a negro, had been sentenced to thirty lashes for theft, and there The theft was the taking of a hoe or shovel-I forget which-from a farmnot been his second offen e.

Arriving at Glendale we found half a dozen white people and about seventy-five colored citizens on hand. Among the latter were about thirty "How far did you walk?" we asked

one of them.
"'Bout fo' miles sah." "And you came to see the wip-

ping?" "Yes, sah." "I shouldn't think you would want to see a man whipped.

"Deed, sah, but I doan' keer so werry much about it, but my ole man am lame an' couldn't come hisself, Ize got to tell him all 'bout it when I git

"Who's doin' dis talkin'!" he dedar myself, an' dat Mass'r Taylor he doan' go light on nobody!"

I have seen hundreds of petty offenders sent to the jail or workhouse withhisses of the colored people around him acted as a brace. Still, he trembled and cringed and exhibited actual fear. If he had been going to jail for three months his face would have worn a grin of satisfaction, and he would have felt himself a hero. A large share of the crowd looked startled and anxious, showing that an impression had been made, and I heard one man whisper to another:

"Fo' de Lawd, William, but I wouldn't be dar fur de bes' fa'm in Virginny!"

Old Turner, as everybody calls him, has done all the whipping at Glendale for years. His face is neither refined nor brutal, and I could not see any the first half mile he gave but little change in it from first to last. He proceeded to business in a matter-of-fact, he suddenly realized the fact that he methodical manner. The prisoner was ordered to "peel," and as he slowly and reluctantly removed his coat, Turner eaned against the whipping-post and switched the ground with the whip he was to use. This whip was a small rawhide, about like those used with a saddle horse, and had a suspiciously red color for half its length. The prisoner was slow about removing his garments, and the executioner finally took hold to assist him. Coat, and vest and shirt were at length removed, and Taylor stood with only his pants The thermometer marked 90 degrees where he stood, and yet he shivered and shook like a man freezing to death. His arms were drawn around the post and his hands made fast at the wrists, and then his pluck was all gone. If his sentence could have been changed to five years in state prison he would have jumped for joy.

Old Turner wore the same neutral expression of countenance as he took his station and swung his whip for the first blow. It was a pretty hard cut, and Taylor yelled at the top of his

somebody save me! Oh! Mass'r Turner, if you'll let me off I'll die for you!"

Had a prisoner shouted thus in a police court in the North the spectators Whitelaw Reid draws \$6,000 a year as editor, and \$35,000 as a husband.

would have roared with laughter. There wasn't a smile to be seen in the crowd around the whipping-post. It was a warning which made men tremble and women wipe their eyes.

"-two-three-four-five fell the blows, and a boy 10 years old would not have exhibited more cowardice. I think he got it worse for taking on as he did. After the twelfth blow I saw blood on the prisoner's back, but when the thirteenth had fallen there was nothing revolting in a close inspection of the flesh. There were welts and ridges and some blood, but the simplest remedy would heal the wound within a When the last blow fell the prisoner, who had kept a true count all through despite his excitement, was overcome with joy, and raising his voice to its highest pitch, he shouted: "Oh! yain't I happy! Oh! doan't I feel blessed! Oh! fo' de Lawd! but I'ez

de gladdest nigger in de hull world!" Every person in the crowd looked upon the prisoner as a disgraced man. Thirty days in jail might have made a hero of him, but to be publicly whipped was quite another thing. Virginia has few jails and some of those are always empty. Michigan has to increase her prison room year by year. The idea of the law is to punish. In Virginia the petty thief gets the punishment on his back. In the North he is sent to jail to idle away thirty or sixty days; to increase his fat: to feel himself a hero; to play cards and read novels, and to come out with his hat on his ear. One public whipping has a more salutary effect on the class to which the victim

belongs than fifty sentences to jail, and

with those of any other Northern state

will prove the assertion. A northern druhkard, or brawler, or villainous wife beater, who cannot payia fine, goes to jail or the work house. In thousands of instances men commit offeneses in order to be sent there. They live well, sleep well and have little to do. In Virginia this class of men go to the chain gang, and are made to benefit the general public and pay their way. Roads, ditches, bridges and parks are built, improved the same time. And the result is that to the same place, and had the same Richmond, with its 65,000 population and its chain gang, does not show one sixth of the arrests made in Detroit with its 130,000 population and the was a general desire on the part of the olored population to hear him holler."

The theft was the taking of a hoe or a warm suit, a good bed, and five or er, and the prisoner would doubtless have been let down easy if this had not heep his second offence. chronic loafer.

At Alexandria the whipping is done by the police, and instead of a post the prisouer's hands are put through the bars of a cell door and made fast. I saw a white man get thirty lashes there for stealing a game chicken, and after the affair was over he told me he would rather take a year in state prison than a nother thirty lashes. Our snivelers may call it barbarism or whatever they like, but Virginia, with her chain gang and whipping post laws, does not record the arrest of one petty offender where Ohio or New York records six.

Judge John K. Porter.

Some of the crowd had walked several miles, and nearly all of them over in the Tilton-Beecher trial, great itas in the Tiltonwhipping was a sort of a circus parade was, will probably be exceeded as the to them. There was much speculation result of his being retained by the govas to whether Old Turner would lay it ernment to assist in the prosecution of on hard or not, and as to how the prisoner would bear the punishment; but all dispute was finally settled by a little, old squint-eyed darkey, wearing a stoyening hat with the grown cavel stovepipe hat with the crown caved association with some of the best lawyers in the country. Even under such circumstances his industry and elomanded as he mounted the steps and quence earned him an enviable notorieoverlooked the crowd. "What you ty. He was particularly strong in inuns sayin' dis an' dat fur when ye vective. No lawyer engaged in the doan' know? Mass'r Taylor am gwine case made a more forcible use of the to beller like a calf! Ize been right weapons, so terrible in the hands of a fluent and scholarly counsel, of sarcasm and the direct assailment of the mar who, according to his theory, had deliberately and shamefully sought to I have heard sentenced I never saw one of them "take on" as Taylor did when brought down to the post. He was a strapping big fellow, able to knock an ox down at a blow, and yet he begged and on the post and plunged to support the post of the murderer who slew his country's head and plunged to support the post of the murderer who slew his country's head and plunged to support the post of the murderer who slew his country's head and plunged to support the post of the murderer who slew his country's head and plunged to support the post of the knock an ox down at a blow, and yet he begged and whin it and acted like a baby, and was on the point of having a real good cry when the hoots and hisses of the colored powers, and the cause in which he is now engaged is worthy of his greatest efforts. He will doubtless be found to the colored power and the engaged is worthy of his greatest ef-forts. He will doubtless be found equal to the occasion.

> District Attorney Corkhill is fortu nate in his associate, who is an adept in criminal law as well as a most effective advocate. His capability in both these directions was very conspicuously seen in the Whisky Ring trials at St. Louis. Judge Porter has his office in New York city.

Up a Tree. A Georgia paper tells an amusing story of how an untamed steer troubled several negroes who attempted to drive the animal home to his purchaser. The ox was driven from the pasture, and started on the road for Crawford. For trouble, but while going down a lane "wanted to go back home," and made a bolt for the drivers. They held their ground till they saw that the ox was dangerous, when a ignominious stampede commenced. One of the drivers scaped by scaling a fence, while others scattered to the right and left, but an old negro named John Deadwyler was not so fortunate. He was pressed so close that he had to escape behind a tree, when commenced a tilt between man and steer. The ox chased him around until his head began to swim, but during a temporary lull, while his steership was fighting a fly, John started up that tree. But he was not quick enough. The animal sprang at the man, and caught his horns in his clothing. For several minutes there was went up that sapling like a sky-rocket He was kept there for over an hour be-

siege and depart for home. As the beast vanished in the distance John yelled after him, "Is'e a member "Oh! God! Oh! for de Lawd! but ob de church, but ef you tinks you can skeer me, you's one big fool."

fore the animal decided to give up the

PRECIOUS METALS.

The Gold and Silver Coin Now in

Circulation.

The annual report of the directors of the mints to the secretary of the treasury, now in press, contains in addition the customary details, statements of the operations of the mints and assay officers; much valuable information in regard to the production of metal in the United States and in the world; their use in coinage of this and foreign countries; their consumption in arts and manufacturing; specie circulation and an examination of prices comparing paper and metallic circulation for a service of fifty-six years with the percentage of the yearly price to mean staple articles, indicating the annual variations in the purchasing price of money; gold and silver received and operated upon by all the mints and as-

say offices exceeding by more than \$50.000,000 the receipts of any previous year, and amounting to \$226,225,522.46 of which \$193,301,101.01 was gold, and \$32,854,421.45 was silver. This large increase was due to the continued influx from abroad, over \$95,-000,000 deposited from that source alone. The coinage facilities of the mints were run to their fullest extent in converting this bullion into coin. Gold coinage amounted to \$78,733,864, of which \$15,345,520 was in double eagles, and the balance in coin of lesser denominations. The coinage of silver was confined to a minimum value of the silver bullion required to be coined by law, authorizing the coinage of

STANDARD SILVER DOLLARS. 27,637,955 of which were struck or an average of about 2,300,000 a month. Of subsidiary coin only \$12,071.75 were coined, and of base metal or minor coins \$405,109.95. In addition to the coinage the mints and assay offices manufactured standard sterling and unparted bars to the amount of \$100,750,-750,640 in gold and \$6,242,282.35 in silver. 734.19-100 ounces of gold and silver bullion were separated and refined, producing 1,295,443,259-100 ounces of standard gold. The purchase of silver bullion for the coinage of silver dol-lars amounted to 22,136,920.39 ounces, standard, at a cost of \$22,578,911.72.
This was obtained by direct purchase in settlement for silver parted from gold. During the year \$17,706,924 were transmitted for distribution. The total coinage of dollars since the passage of the act for their coinage has been up to November 1, \$100,672,659 of which \$34,096,397 are in active cir-culation and \$58,858,770 held by the treasurer for payment of outstanding certificates, leaving \$7,737,638 for disbursements by the treasury in ordinary payments. The net actual loss to the government by wastage on the immens amount operated upon during the year was but \$12,204.16. From data re-United States coins during the

PAST FISCAL YEAR have been of gold \$36,500,000, and of silver, at its coinage value, \$45,100,000, a total of \$78,600,000. Manufacturers of jewelry and other articles and materials of gold and silver reported the consumption of over \$10,000,000 in gold and nearly \$3,500,000 in silver. The assay office at New York delivered to the manufacturers during the year \$5,700,000 of gold in bars and \$5,100,000 in silver. Taken together they apin silver, which would probably have been confirmed had all manufacturers that were addressed promptly responded. The director estimates that at coin in circulation in the United States amounted to \$440,000,000, and of silver coin, \$171,500,000. These amounts were further increased up to the 1st of November and at that date the amount of specie, including bullion in the mints and assay offices, available and awaiting coinage, was \$563,000,000 of gold and \$186,000,000 of silver, a total of \$749,000,000. The silver circulation of this country before the close

of this will amount to \$200,000,000 and will suffice for the needs of our people for coins of the denomination of one dollar and less. The United States has done her part toward retaining silver as one of the monetary agents for measuring and exchanging valuables as was said in the first of the report. Should \$650,-000,000 of silver coin now full legal tender in Europe, become demonetized the United States could not, single handed among the commercial nations with no European co-operation or allies sustain the value of silver from the in evitable. From a digest of dispatches together with other reliable data, the directors estimate the world's production of gold for the year 1880 at \$107, 000,000 and of silver at \$87,500,000 and the consumption of the world in ornamentation and arts is likewise es-Gold, \$3,221,000,000; full legal tender silver, \$2,115,000,000; limited tender, \$423,000,000; total, specie, \$5,-759,000,000; paper, \$3,644,000,000. The circulation, including amount held in the government treasury, banks, and inclusive of circulations, \$9,403,000,-000.

Rats that Enjoyed Fun. A good story is told by a lady who every night the rats would jump on to death. the rocking-horse and start it rocking, and rock it for hours, seemingly with the greatest enjoyment in the world. At first hearing the noise, the people couldn't imagine the cause, and didn't know but that the spirits had a hand an exciting contest; the negro trying to escape, while the steer did his best to pull him down. At last, the hold of the marvels of the neighborhood the horn broke, and the old darkey to see the rats in their gambols enjoying themselves, laughing and having their fun rocking the horse.

Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye: "You are on the wrong tack," said the pilot's wife, when the hardy son of the loud-sounding sea sat down on it and arose with the usual exclamations: "No," he replied, after critical examination, "I'm on the right tack, I guess, but shoot me dead if I ain't

It is with happiness as with watches the less complicated the less deranged.

Never lend a borrowing friend more than you are willing to lose if he can not pay. Manners are the hypocrisies of na-

tions; the hypocrisies are more or less perfected.

Each man has an aptitude born with him to do easily some feat impossible to any other. The season is now at hand when

allow candle can show as stiff a backbone as a broomstick. The conductor's punch makes a hole

in the ticket, and the liquid punch makes a hole in the pocket. If a dime with a hole in it is worth five cents, a dime with two holes in it

ought to be worth ten cents. There are some who fail to get rich and so die poor; there are others who

fail in order to get rich and succeed. An advertiser in Texas calls for "an industrious man, as a boss hand over 5,000 head of sheep, that speak Spanish fluently.'

"Two hearts that beat has won,"

Fenderson remarked when he heard that Robinson was about to marry his econd wife. President Arthur was once a schoolmaster. Some of the office-holders and

anxious to know whether they are to be "kept in." "I say Jones, how did your book come out?" Jones-"It came out all right, but it hasn't sold worth a cent

since it came out."

off a ninety-nine year sentence in order

was willing to give him a chance. "What a fine, protuberant forehead your baby has, Mrs. Jones! Did he get it from his father?" "No," replied Mrs. Jones: "he got it from a fall down

further missionary work for some time

The government has finally secured a cannon which will throw a ball twelve miles, and the next thing is to bring on war somewhere within twelve miles of the cannon.

to come.

An Ohio man who owns the battle dag of the Forty-seventh Ohio regiment, of which Garfield was colonel, has refused a ten thousand dollar offer for the relic of the war.

An Ohio girl sued a man for breach ceived at the mint bureau the direct-ors estimate the production of the mean scoundrel that the jury decided that she ought to pay him something for not marrying her.

Breakfast Table: Egotism and peralledged charity that goes walking around this land at the head of subscription papers for the poor.

An Indiana boy has aspirations for the seat of David Davis. Although but three years old he weighs one hundred and thirty pounds, and measures sixteen inches around the calf of the ing himself to stray far away from his It is notorious that boards of 'directors' inside every few days with a little

Elmira Telegraph: Will you please insert this obituary notice?" asked an old gentleman of a Binghampton editor. "I make bold to ask it because the deceased had a great many friends the close of the official year the gold about here who'd be glad to hear of his death." .

An old Scotch lady reprimanded her pastor severly for walking out in the fields on Sunday. The good man said: "Why, my good woman, the Savior walked out on Sundy." "Yes," said the old lady, "and I never thought any the

Texas Siftings: In our account of the burning of the state capitol last does more to cause the respectable eleweek we forgot to speak of the fire as the "devouring element" and we failed to the opposition, than all the other entirely to refer to the burning as a causes for dissatisfaction combined.

The London Lancet mentions this freak of nature: "A hen at a house in Lainferras began to lay early in the season, but after laying a few eggs she suddenly left off, and in time grew very fat. Finding the fowl did not lay, the proprietor killed it, and on opening the body was astonished to find two perfect chickens, with feathers on them, within it."

Philadelphia Times: It happened on a railroad train which was goingwell, it wasn't exactly a lightning express. The engineer whistled "down brakes." "What's the trouble, conductimated for the same period at \$75,000,-000 of gold and \$35,000,000 of silver. "Cow on the track," coolly responded The estimated circulation of the prin-cipal countries of the werld is placed Shortly afterwards "down brakes" was again whistled. "What's the trouble now?" cried the same passenger. "Cow on the track," was the reply. "Great heavens!" cried the man, "haven't we caught up with that cow yet?"

Not Used to Him, Detroit Free Press.

The other evening a brush-street po iceman heard a whistle shrilly blown and a female voice calling for help lives in Baltimore, which shows that and after a short run he reachrats have a kind of humor about them at times which they will exercise even to the extent of forgetting their plundaring propensities. In the house of this male had her head out of an upper male had her head out of an upper male had her head out of an upper lady was a child's rocking-horse and window, and seemed to be half scared

"What's the matter," asked the officer. "A man has been kicking on door," she answered. "This man here?"

"Yes, I thought he'd tear the whole The officer reached out for the man and made two discoveries at once. It would make anything." was the woman's husband, and he was fighting drunk.

Why, this man wouldn't hurt you he's your husband," he called out. "Is that so? Charles, is that you?" "Bet yer life's smee," mumbled Charles. "Then you really must excuse me

Mr. Officer. You see, we have only been married six weeks, and I do not readily recognize him yet. down in a minute, darling."

The Small-Bore Demagogue.

Just now being the dull season in politics, it is very hard for an editor to get anything exciting to write about. This is a distressing condition to be in, as every editor knows. We are pretty much in that kind of state of uncerideas is concerned, he comes to the or the now recent burning of the Capitol. Having nothing in particular to and capable bank presidents and di-write about, we have determined to rectors—men who will devote their furnish a description of the average demagogue, the paramount potentate of the political ring, a living character, who is disagreeably familiar, more particularly about election day, with

everybody who has a vote. Physically, the political bashaw is of the old, cautious bank presidents of not gotten up to charm. His face is this city who have weathered not a not as much aglow with heaven-born few heavy financial storms, and who enthusiasm for the just cause of the are familiar with all the symptoms people, as it is with the glow that may that precede a monetary disturbance, safely be attributed to an inferior article of whisky. He rarely pays much attention to his clothing, partly because they are not his own, being in sail and be on their guard.

"The bell has been rung," veteran John Thompson, of t

taken up with matters of great political import, that it would be contrary to his conceptions of his duties as a patriot, to squander any time or that there is danger in the atmosphere. The new revision calls it by the less terrifying name of Hades, and now a Southern editor mildly terms it "the tropical hereafter."

A Texas judge knocked six months of a nimety, and demonstrating the pernicious effect of that officials financial, and a panic, and a panic, and a panic will lead in the atmosphere. Depositors in banks are apprehensive, and while I cannot yet believe a revulsion is upon us, yet a few more of these disasters such as has overtaken the Newark and Boston banks will prepare in the morning than cipitate a panic, and a panic will lead in the atmosphere. Depositors in banks are apprehensive, and while I cannot yet believe a revulsion is upon us, yet a few more of these disasters such as has overtaken the Newark and Boston banks will prepare in the morning than in the atmosphere. cial plans on the industries of the coun-In the refineries 11,449, to show the prisoner's friends that he try, that he never thinks of expending a borrowed nickel in having his own boots (also borrowed very likely) properly shined up.

The average pot-house mogul of small calibre—for this is the particular stairs."

Boston has this year shipped 2,000 tim of many strange hallucinations.

One of his most cherished delusions is the particular bore we are now describing, is the victim of many strange hallucinations.

One of his most cherished delusions is that he is indispensible. He has an undefined sort of suspicion that the tem, somehow or other, rests on him. But when it comes to the party, whose misfortune it is to have him claim it his sage counsel, it would resolve itself into chaos. It is almost impossible for the small bore demagogue to believe the small bore demagogue to believe banks are sufficiently numerous to that his party could survive a single make the question of bank managecampaign, in case he should make a preferred creditor of nature, and pay the debt he owes her—the only debt, by the way, he ever is expected to pay. If, however, as occasionally happens, he draws a salary from some office he has secured by sheer persistency in boring the delegates and voters, the more offensively would be and voters, the modest or too several the recommendation of bank officers, they are too more offensively would be a several to several the several too. boring the delegates and voters, the modest or too squeamish to expose the more offensively positive is he that he, and he alone, is supporting the party, friends, even if they are smart enough onal profit cover a multitude of the and he alone, is supporting the party, whereas the truth is, that it is the party that is supporting him. Instead of his being a modern Atlas, with the bank managers. Examiners can only whole world on his shoulders, he, him-expose, Managers are presumed to be self, is a public burden, grevious to be borne. He wanders about in an aim- direct or manage, and to them the de- following preventive was adopted, less kind of way, never, however, allowfree lunch route like an evil spirit, are made up of high sounding names, neatsfoot oil, and the moment any dirt lowing anybody else to find any. He will halt gentlemen on the public highway, and, unless they seek safety in flight, or offer him actual violencetakes no gentler hint-he will inflict on such victim, in a whisky laden whisper, a whole volume of stale po litical lore and decayed campaign rub-

bish. In regard to the actual services the small bore politician has rendered his party, there will be an honest difference of opinion. There is reason to beleive that the diminutive professional demagogue, and postulant for pap, ment of his party to go over en masse gerous Jonah, who should be thrown overboard headlong, to save the rest, consequently they refuse to fall down and worship him as devoutly as he thinks they ought, taking his zeal and sacrifices for the party into consideration. Finally they intimate that, in-stead of being the life of the party, he is in reality a destructive screw

in the body politic. Occasionally, the small bore politician and his clique get into power and stick with a tenacity that is wonderful. The tax payers discover that they are being robbed by a set of hungry cormorants, who propose to keep on gorg-ing themselves at the public expense. party ticket fairly, yearn to officiate at the obsequies of the regular nominee. Then it is that the man whose property is being sold for taxes lifts up his voice and a rebellious hoof, and rails at the small-bore demagogue and the pernic ious results of his success. An inde pendent wave sweeps over the country, and the small-bore demagogue and his friends are left high and dry by the reeding wave.

The Dull Boy Took the Cake: incinnati Commercial.

More than fifty years ago a very good private school was taught upon the Island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, by an excellent Quaker gentle man. Among the children who at man. Among the children wilke tended, were two brothers, very unlike each other. The one was slight in form, graceful and attractive. The other, his exact opposite, clumsy and awkward, and withal dull.

One morning the father of these boys called to see the teacher, and, in the ly by the latter that the boy whom we have called "unattractive," "never would make anything." "You are course of conversation, was told plain-

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

Veteran Banker's Warning to Depos-

The recent Boston bank failures fol lowing so closely after the collapse of the Mechanics' national bank has, in a tainty ourselves. After the editor of the party organ has chewed the end of his lead pencil for half an hour, without success, as far as obtaining any without success, as far as obtaining any the leading le leading banking institutions are but figureheads," and to the necessity of conclusion he might as well give that great public enemy, the independent press, another raking over the coals, just for luck. One might suppose, after reading one of these editorials, that independent press was to blame independent press was to blame or other officials in the future. So wide spread is the alarm, and so strong is spread is the alarm, and so strong is the desire manifested to secure honest entire attention to the interest of the shareholders and depositors—that there is no doubt that in the annual elections now near at hand there will be many changes in the directories of many banks throughout the country. A few believe that the three crashes of the past three weeks are but the forerunners of others, and warn people to take

"The bell has been rung," said the veterad John Thompson, of the Chase National bank, to-day, "and it will be well for banks and business men to exercise more prudence, for it is evident cipitate a panie, and a panic will lead into a revulsion, and a revulsion will essentially break up the prosperity of the country. The failures demonstrate the fact that there is a vest deal of reckless gambling being carried on throughout the country, which had its first impulse in the profits when the 'boom' was on and almost every venture yielded a profit. We are going too fast refer to this because in the delinquency of bank officers it is often shown that the defalcation is the outcrop of perpetuity of the entire planetary sys- a venture. Banks that undertake heavy negotiations which, if fortune favors, will yield enormous dividends, but in which, if fortune frowns, bankruptcy as his own, he is positive that without is inevitable, must always stand in the category of doubtful institutions.

"The depositors and stock holders in ment vastly important. I attach very little importance to bank examiners or official examinations. Their discoveries are generally too late to save a badly managed bank. Having receivto find out their sins of 'omission' and 'commission,' Bank examinersare not with the object to draw business, and my opinion, lies the greater portion of management lies in the hands of the sweat is entirely dry and all chafted stockholders at their annual election."

"What can be done to secure the reforms in bank management necessary

to restore confidence and secure safety to depositors?" "First," said Mr. Thompson, "eradicate every figurehead from the board of directors, and elect directors who will direct. Second, if an institution has a multitude of directors, diminish the numbers to the minimum allowed by law, so that the old adage, what is everybody's business is not my business, cannot be thrown from one direc-"holocaust." The description of the The shrewder politicians and office tor to the others. Third. Strive to rustic work, and is very cheap. "holocaust." The description of the line shewer points are the unsavory, but en-fire was written in a hurry, just before seekers see that the unsavory, but en-going to press, which is our only thusiastic demagogue, instead of an hands of stockholders who have the excuse for apparently slighting this time element of strength, is in reality a dan-honored phrase. In the strength is in reality a dan-gerous Jonah, who should be thrown who will be the heaviest sufferers in case of disaster. Failing to effect phosphoric acid for all the wheat consart a new institution. art a new institution, and be sure the owners and directors can be counted on your fingers. Depositors can surely

catch an idea from what I have said I repeat it, my idea is that directors are fiduciary agents for the stockhold-

pecial Market Report, g men-Steady. Lively, willing, and in de s-Firm, but declining,

Mammas—Unsettled, but waiting for higher bids.
Coffee—Considerably mixed. Fresh fish—Active and slippery.

Eggs—Uniet, but will probably open
lively in a short time.

Wilsky—Steadily going down.

On bus—Strong and rising.

Bods and shoes—Those in market are soled, and constantly going up and

Hats and caps—Not as high as last winten except foolscap, which is sta-Silva Close, but not close egough to get hold of.

A Picture of Autumn.

would make anything." "You are mistaken, sir," was the quick reply of the parent. "If you and I live we shall hear from that boy." Both gentlemen are now deceased, but last week the boy was heard from. His name is Charles J. Folger, and he is secretary of the United States. The schoolmaster first mentioned the incident when Judge Folger was made assistant treasurer at New York—with a quiet smile at his own want of discernment.

down upon us, and its frozen tears begin to fall. The little birds have hushed their little lay. So has the fatigued hen. Only a little while, and the your fan, jingling your bangles, and you prove the Thanksgiving turkey will be filled with voluptious stuffing and then sewed up. The florid features of the polygamous gobbler will be wrapped in sadness, and cranberry pie will be a burden, for the veal-cutlet goeth to its long home, and the ine-cream freezer is long home, and the street, or remarks on you in an audible tone, giggle with all your might and look around once or twice, ond when you catch his eye giggle again. It is fine fun, and by adopting the fatigued hen. Only a little while, and the caves of the hymn book, playing with your fan, jingling your bangles, and then sewed up. The florid features of the street, or remarks on you in an audible tone, giggle with all your might and look around once or twice, ond when you catch his eye giggle burden, for the veal-cutlet goeth to its long home, and the iso-cream freezer is ing this course you will have plenty of its. down upon us, and its frozen tears be-gin to fall. The little birds have hushed Yo

FARM HOTES.

Tribume and Farmer: we occasionally find those who prefer spring for planting, yet the majority of fruit growers agree that fall is just as good as spring, and decidedly better for many small fruits, such, for instance, as blackberries and raspberries. Pear trees and cherries, set out as early as the middle of September, do well, as we have shown before. They become rooted and start muc earlier and consequently make a better growth than spring-set plants. The only objection to fall setting, is that upon wet clay or hard pan land, plants set late in the fall are sometimes partially thrown out by the frost in winter. This can be remedied by drawing the earth well up around them before the winter sets in and removing it in spring. Fruit trees set in early fall, if examined in spring, would show that they had made some roots, and the great advantage of these to the tree needs no dwelling on here. Get trees in in the fall, when yeu have the leisure to plant them right. them right.

Recent botanical researches has shown that the trunks of trees undergo daily changes in diameter. From early morning to early afternoon there is a regular diminution till the minimum is reached, when the process is reversed, and the maximum diameter is attatined at the time of twilight; then again comes a diminution, to be succeeded by an increase about dawn—an increase more marked than that in the evening. Variations in diameter are believed to coincide with variations of tension, but they are shown to be inverse to the temperature, the maximum in the afternoon, and again that, other influences being suspended, the barometer is higher in the morning than in

Dovers Journal: I our western farmers consider curn prices of cattle, \$5.00@7.50, not high enough to justify full feeding of grain, what would they think were they in Canada, and only getting \$4.50@5,25 for export steers. One of the main troubles with man seems to be that he does not know when he has a good thing. If Canadian farmers can afford to sell export cattle at the sea-board for the prices current at Chicago—a thousand miles from the sea—for ordinary butcher steers, it certainly looks as if we have no cause for complaint.

Sweet potatoes can be preserved through the winter packed in barrels in dry sand or sifted coal-ashes and kept in a warm place. They require a tem-perature of 60 deg. In the spring the seed potatoes are planted in April in a het-bed, and in May the sprouts are removed and planted out in hills about two feet apart in rows three feet distant. The cultivation consists in keeping the ground free from weeds and mellow, and in preventing the vines from rooting at the joints, which they will do if not moved about continually.

An old teamster of fifty year's experience says he has never had a case on duty. Directors are presumed to of galls upon his animals where the positors and stockholders must look. which was simply to rub the collars with no expectation or desire that man- off with warm soapsuds and then oil. agement be required. In this fact, in A yoke from oxen or collar from horse should not be removed when brought danger; and the power to secure good into the stable from work until the

Teach every one in your employ, as well as yourself, always to put every tool back in its place as soon as done with, no matter how great a hurry he may be in. Better spare half a minute now in doing so than for you to hunt half an hour with a team or a man

waiting. Petroleum is an excellent preservative of exposed wood work and tools. It penetrates the pores and repays its cost many times over. It is good for all farm buildings, gates, tools and

A pound of bones contains as much phosphoric acid as one hundred pounds of wheat. On many farms there are

A Phenomenal Child.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says: There arrived in this city to-day a man named Adam Castleman, of Casey county, Ky. His family is with him, one of which is a striking curiosity. ary agents they should by law be held This is a young boy only 3 years old, responsible for the full amount of who stands 3 feet 4 inches in his stockosses sustained by bad management or ings, measures 16 inches around the by neglect of duty, and their liability calf of the leg, 26 inches around the should be of a fiduciary character, and judgements against them should not be inches around the chest, and weighs 130 men who have always voted the strict party ticket fairly, yearn to officiate at the observers of the progress and then jumped by rapid stages to his present enormous proportions. The child is bright enough, although the physicians have counseled his parents not to tax him closely with mental effort. Physically, although so hugs for his age, he is sound and healthy, and makes what might be called waddling effort at romping round, Castleman and his wife, though both of good size, are neither of them large, and cannot remember any ancestor from whom this prodigious boy could have inherited his extraordinary portions. They have another child infant girl three months old, but ing no evidences of for the in brother's footsteps. They fallier proposes exhibiting the boy as a curiosity.

Advice to Girls. The Boston Sun has a column of advice to girls, from which we take the

following:
Alway gorbo church. It is a splendid place to show your bonnet. In order that nobody shall miss seeing it, The November sky already frowns make yourself as conspicuous as pos-